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WITHIN THE WEEK

At election eve, let us pause and give thought to the plight of the Progressives. For the first time since '32, when the gallant and go-getting ROOSEVELT rallied them to his banner, this special segment of our population has no place to go.

The abandonment of the "progressive" element by the Democratic Party is not chargeable solely to the death of ROOSEVELT. The paramount obligation of a major political party is to get its candidates elected. Significant modifications in the ROOSEVELT social program had been made mo's before his death. The trend was visibly away from the "planned economy" of a depression era. The sparkling promises of '32 were visibly lacking in luster. Only the war held together the incongruous elements that gave FDR his strength.

True progressives were never too happy in the rather gaudy circus that ROOSEVELT put together—and held together by the diminishing force of his powerful personality. They applauded the giddy trapeze acts in the big tent; but they deplored the sideshows operated by HAGUE, KELLY, et al.

The Conference of Progressives, which met rather forlornly in Chicago, late Sept, resolved, in the words of one summer-upper to "keep what hold we can on the Democratic Party." But this is admittedly a short-range pro-

gram, dedicated to the practical political consideration of minimizing the "reactionary" trend in the 80th Congress. No one knows better than the progressives the tenuousness of that hold.

Viewed objectively, there are now no essential differences in the two major political parties. Both are flecked with "liberal" and "conservative" elements. That the very considerable element which terms itself "progressive" or "liberal" or "anti-reactionary" should have no effective means of registering its convictions is intolerable.

Third parties are pretty generally scoffed at by practical politicians; they don't win elections. But if the elements now in revolt against "conservatism" can coagulate their objectives sufficiently, we see definite prospects of a 3rd party in the field well ahead of '48 elections. WALLACE may be the man. As matters stand now, he couldn't, of course, be elected. But the party might win enough Congressional seats to hold a balance of power. It CAN happen!

COAL: "Do you remember," says the *N Y World-Telegram* nostalgically, "the good old days when we had only one coal strike a year?" Mr LEWIS, with strong Republican leanings, has timed his demands to further embarrass the Administration. Coal stocks appear better than at last crisis.



SHIFTING SANDS

Better Business Bureaus are warning housewives of newest approach among door-to-door racketeers. The old "working-my-way-thru-school" dodge has now given way to the pose that the racketeer is a veteran working under GI bill. He tries to shame women into buying, accuses them of lack of patriotism if they resist. . . Bendix Home Laundry Inst has just concluded survey indicating that Monday is losing out as nat'l washday. While it still holds 1st place, only 40% of housewives favor Monday. . . Federal Security Agency recently released statistics proving '45 divorce rate highest in U S history: ratio of 31 divorces for each 100 marriages. . . Funeral directors are after OPA to release them from price control. "How," they ask, "did funeral service get to be a cost-of-living item?" . . . Glendale, Calif Republicans announce that they will provide "sitters" to mind babies while mothers are away casting their votes at the polls.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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LLOYD F OLESON, Ventura, Calif, newly elected nat'l comdr Disabled American Veterans: "It's a man's abilities, not his disabilities, that count." 1-Q

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WM A PATTERSON, Chicago, pres United Air Lines: "Anybody who thinks we can put the ry's out of business is just crazy." 2-Q

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W AVERELL HARRIMAN, Sec'y of Commerce: "If Roosevelt were living now, his policy would certainly be about the same as that of Truman and Byrnes." 3-Q

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GUY B JOHNSON, exec director Southern Regional Council, Atlanta: "Mechanized cotton farming threatens the South with several million displaced persons in the next 10 yrs." 4-Q

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GEO WALLBRIDGE, director in Wildcat Enterprises, N Y co organized by ex-GI's to back projects "guaranteed to give pause to a reasonably prudent man," reports rare refusal: inventor wanted co to back coyote-gun claimed to startle coyotes so that jaws dropped in surprise—the precise instant at which weapon squirted cyanide down throats: "Somehow that seemed a little risky." 5-Q

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Brentwood, England physicians thought they had finally silenced talkative patient WM PARR, 68, when they administered anesthetic for operation. Baring his stomach for incision they found sticker: "This side up—with care." 6-Q

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Mrs CHARLOTTE MEADOWS, principal Ralston School, Omaha, Neb: "School support cannot just be verbal, it must be financial." 7-Q

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Classified adv erroneously placed in "Houses—Furnished" section, Joplin (Mo) Globe: "Large, double tray, flat top trunk." 8-Q

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JOHN HARTFORD, pres A & P Grocery Stores: "Our company grew to its present size because we believed it was better to sell 200 lbs of butter at 1¢ per lb profit than 100 lbs at 2¢ per lb profit." 9-Q

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YOU ON THAT?"

EUGENE O'NEILL, playwright: "If the human race is so damn stupid that in 2,000 yrs it hasn't had brains enough to appreciate the secret of happiness—contained in one simple sentence that you'd think any grammar school kid could understand—then it's time we dumped it down the nearest drain and let the ants have a chance. The sentence is The Golden Rule." 10-Q

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EDOUARD HERRIOT, former premier of France: "Decidedly, the verb 'to disarm' is an irregular verb in all languages. It can only be conjugated in the future and has not a present tense." 11-Q

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Dr ISAIAH BOWMAN, pres, Johns Hopkins Univ: "The world has a choice today between two systems; one depending on the secret ballot, the other on the secret police." 12-Q

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HAROLD E STASSEN, former gov of Minn: "No one can spot double-talk or weasel words faster than this war-seasoned generation of American youth." 13-Q

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EARL H LUNDIN, Carson & Lundin (N Y) architect, discussing 12 multi-storied bldgs now on order for metropolitan area: "A 10-story bldg would crumble as fast as a 60-story bldg if an atomic bomb hit it. So far as I know corpns and bldrs who plan and build skyscrapers haven't given (the A-bomb) serious thought." 14-Q

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Rep SAM RAYBURN, of Tex, speaker of the House: "I've never looked into a face of a more fundamentally honest man, one whose heart burns to be of service in this day and generation than that of Pres Truman." 15-Q

CARLTON S DROLSBAUGH, N Y, sec'y Nat'l Ass'n of Chewing Gum Mfrs, revealing sugar shortage penetrating home front: "My own 4-yr-old son is sore at me because he can't get bubble gum." 16-Q

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Wall St Jnl, commenting on app'tment of HENRY A WALLACE as editor of New Republic: "We think it serves them both right." 17-Q

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DOUG TOUSLEY, Le Sueur, Minn, 82-yr-old retired newsman and boxer, recalling good old days: "None of that training for an 8-round namby-pamby bout the way they do now. We just unhitched our galluses, tied 'em around our waists, and let 'er go." 18-Q

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VIACHESLAV M MOLOTOV, Soviet Foreign Minister, avoided interviews aboard Queen Elizabeth enroute to N Y by announcing in distinct English: "I am sorry. I do not speak English." 19-Q

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ROBT MITCHUM, film actor: "If actors and actresses had to study their trade like, say dancers in the Russian ballet, they'd do housework instead, or shop-lifting." 20-Q

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Sen ARTHUR H VANDENBERG, of Mich: "America's by-partisan foreign policy today is not a policy of war. It is a policy of peace. In my opinion, it will succeed—unless it is scuttled here at home." 21-Q

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Dr DONALD TAYLOR, Macalester College, St Paul, Minn, declaring marriages happier today than 50 yrs ago despite rising divorce rate: "There were plenty of unhappy families in those days, but without the outlet of divorce. Today we recognize such problems and do something about them." 22-Q

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Dr J ROBT OPPENHEIMER, A-bomb scientist: "I am disappointed. Perhaps I was a fool, but I had thought this ultimate violence would discourage the use of any more violence." 23-Q

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CLINTON P ANDERSON, Sec'y of Agriculture, on removal of livestock, meat price ceilings: "The chief purpose . . . was to promote the earliest practicable balance be-

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tween demand and supply. This is no 'off-and-on' proposition. There is no intention of restoring price ceilings to livestock and meats at some time in the future." 24-Q

HELEN KELLER, blind and deaf lecturer and writer, on tour of Britain and France, revealing plans to visit Russia if arrangements could be made: "I had a letter from Russia begging me to go to Moscow to visit the Russian soldiers who were blinded in the war, and I should love to go." 25-Q

After 7 day strike of Columbia Univ's service workers ended, an old grad commented: "The torch of knowledge has been rekindled." An undergrad put it: "Heat's on again." 26-Q

British musicians, shocked by use of recorded music for Shakespearean plays, urging use of orchestra next season "on aesthetic grounds" at Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon: "The dignity of the British Theatre is at stake." 27-Q

PAUL PORTER, OPA chief: "Products made from leather—particularly shoes—are too important to the family budget to be released from price control at this time." 28-Q

Atty Gen'l TOM CLARK, after Justice Dep't was accused by Russian embassy of weakening Soviet-American cultural ties by insisting that Russian delegates to Slav congress in N Y register as foreign agents: "It's the law." 29-Q

RAY HINDMARCH, pres Hollywood Bachelor's Club, hastily explaining nomination of GREER GARSON, MIRIAM HOPKINS, GRACE MOORE as "model cats" was meant as compliment: "It takes a smart woman to be downright caty. By using their clever claws to strip other women of false pretenses and fripperies, these gals do their sex a service." 30-Q

JAS A RHODES, mayor of Columbus, O, advocating that citizens hitch-hike during recent transit strike: "It's a nat'l signal, and no other signal can replace it." 31-Q

Dr NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, pres-emeritus of Columbia Univ: "If we can substitute for the spirit of gain the spirit of human service and put our life on a high moral

plane, then we can eliminate war." (Quoted by BENJ FINE, N Y Times.) 32-Q

Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, ret'g from 4-wk European inspection trip "more than gratified" at improvements shown by American occupation troops in Germany: "In view of what we have been thru in the last yr and a half their advances in training and discipline were remarkable." 33-Q

Rear Adm WM S PARSONS, ass't Chief of Naval Operations: "Operation Crossroads has gone a long way toward substituting a healthy fear of the known for an unhealthy fear of the unknown." 34-Q

RALPH W BOETTCHER, St Louis, who quit his \$1.22 an hr job, plans to remain idle until prices come down, go on relief after savings are gone: "It is impossible to live the way prices are skyrocketing. I'm fed up with the whole situation." 35-Q

VANCE GREGORY, ex-GI, commenting on current research by Quartermaster Corps to prepare better-balanced, better-liked Army diet: "What the Army needs is fewer theories—and better cooks." 36-Q

Dr JAS B CONANT, pres Harvard, replying to remark of Univ of Chicago pres, ROBT HUTCHINS, that "if we are not all killed in the next few yrs, we will all be bored to death": "Such arguments underestimate the joys of leisure in the U S A. To many of us, the seats in the baseball grandstand still look more attractive than those in the reading room of the library." 37-Q

WM G CARLIN, 20-yr-old Coatesville, Pa "star farmer" at convention of Future Farmers of America: "I'd rather be out pitching hay than pitching ball any time." 38-Q

Complaint of woman in mob of unemployed which pushed into U S employment service office in Pittsburgh, Pa, on first day of power strike: "I was pushed out of my shoes!" Police shoved the line back, found both shoes. 39-Q

HERSCHEL V JOHNSON, U S Delegate to U N security council, making new bid for co-operation among major powers: "We can, if we will,

change the climate of international intercourse by trying harder to win the peace than to win a point in debate." 40-Q

PAUL H GRIFFITH, newly-elected nat'l comdr American Legion: "The men upon whom the veteran must depend for providing homes are fighting for power or for profits. That's the ugly truth in a nut shell, whether you tell the story in terms of bottlenecks, shortages, priorities, or what have you. The real bottleneck has been greed!" 41-Q

Mrs ELSIE WIK JOHNSON, Minneapolis, Minn, who attended 10th Congress of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Luxembourg: "The Europeans think people here are naive in believing things which happened in Europe can never happen in America. They think the U S doesn't really understand what fascism is and as a nation is not on guard against it." 42-Q

Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, urging "marshaling of all possible forces" in fight against rising divorces: "Experience has shown that when a couple in difficulty take pains to gain the best of human guidance (from ministers, physicians and other trained persons) and pray together they can win their way back to a satisfying relationship." 43-Q



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Future of Fission—WHALEY-EATON SERVICE, Washington, D C, 9-28-'46.

Atomic power will be generated, it will be generated soon, and it will be generated at a competitive price. . . Pessimists notwithstanding, nuclear power will revolutionize the world far more completely than did the steam engine which heralded the Industrial Revolution. The fraction of the earth's surface at present supplied with power is remarkably small. The am't of power available to each inhabitant is a measure of the standard of life it offers. Non-industrialized China must depend on human muscle, beasts of burden; wind for sailboats.

At the opposite end of the scale, U S has 2.64 billion horsepower, nearly 20 h p for each inhabitant.

In vast areas of China, Brazil, India—to name but 3—oil, water and coal are either unavailable or unexploited. Without industry, standards of life are wretched, those of agriculture pathetic. To such areas, nuclear power offers escape from Nature's parsimony. With the introduction of readily available energy, the "power-less" areas can commence their ascent of the ladder of civilization.

The possibilities are so all-embracing that even the most fertile mind can at best only see ahead for a decade. Yet one clear result may be forecast—the provision of power to those areas and those human beings now deprived of its benefits, and correspondingly free of its responsibilities, will profoundly change the social, political and economic face of the world. The utmost of human wisdom will be req'd to avoid the utmost of human misery as a consequence; but, for Man, should he live to see it, the New Era should dawn brightly indeed. (Abridged by special permission of the copyright holders.)

ACTION—1

The question for each man to settle is not what he would do if he had means, time, influence, and educational advantages, but what he will do with the things he has.

—HAMILTON WRIGHT MABIE, *Birmingham News-Age-Herald*.

AGE—2

Asking a woman her age

Is like buying a second-hand car. The speedometer's been set back,

But you can't tell just how far.

—FLORENCE LIVINGSTON, *Grit*.

AMBITION—3

Ambition is a little bit like alcohol: in small doses it's stimulating; but when you have too much of it, it becomes toxic and paralyzing.—A Veteran, "It's Not That I'm Lazy," *Harper's Magazine*, 10-'46.

AMERICAN—4

Monday once was known as washday. Now it is the day on which we have the garage man put the family car together again.

—OSKALOOSA (Ia) *Herald*.

BEAUTY—5

A beautiful woman is the product of intelligence, character, discipline, personal charm and good taste, none of which was ever acquired by accident.—ARTHUR WM BROWN, "What Makes a Woman Beautiful," *Today's Woman*, 10-'46.

CHILDREN—6

A child, finding some crumbs on her crib, wailed, "My sawdust is coming out."—CANON A C DEANE, *Time Remembered*.

CHRISTIANITY—Applied—7

A non-believing white explorer in Africa was shown a copy of a Bible by a native trying to demonstrate how advanced his tribe was. "We've outgrown that sort of thing," said the white man.

Repl'd the native, "It's a good thing we've not outgrown it; otherwise you would have been a meal as soon as we saw you."—RALPH VINSON, *Negro Digest*.

COMMON MAN—8

Shortly after Lady Astor landed on our shores for a visit, reporters swarmed around her for an interview, during which she gave expression to this uncommon bit of good sense: "It isn't the 'common man' at all who is important; it is the uncommon man. You Amer-

icans like to quote Abraham Lincoln as a great man, but you have had only one Lincoln."—CHAS R WILKES, "Importance of the Uncommon Man," *Red Barrel*, hm, Coca Cola Co, 10-'46.

COMPROMISE—9

Alexander Stephens, v-pres of the Confederacy, who had a wizened body, was challenged by a big chap to fight a duel. On the field the big chap complained, "I am a full-sized target for that shrimp to fire at, while he offers me hardly any mark at all. It ain't fair."

"All right," said Stephens, "we will chalk out my size on your body and agree not to count any shots outside that." The challenger laughed. The duel was off.—N Y *Times Magazine*.

CONVERSATION—10

Halford Luccock tells about a man who, after a public banquet, remarked, "Do you know that there was represented at that banquet, wealth to the am't of about \$30,000,000?" And the one to whom he was telling it repl'd, "Yes, and conversation to the am't of 30¢."—H RICHARD RASMUSSEN, "An Appraisal of Success," *Expositor*, 10-'46

CO-OPERATION—11

Sharon's mother was trying to explain what co-operation meant. The involved discussion was cleared by the 3-yr-old's remark, "I know, Mother, c'operation is just like a teeter-totter."—*Parents' Magazine*.

DRINK—Drinking—12

Some people have a veneer that comes off easily with a little alcohol.—PAUL HARRISON, *Phoenix Flame*.

EDUCATION—13

Two men went to church to pray. One was a so-called leading citizen, and the other a school teacher.

The prominent citizen stood, and with eyes turned upward, said: "O Lord, I thank Thee that I am not like these professional men, even as this poor teacher. I pay half the teacher's salary; it is my money that built this church; I subscribe liberally to foreign missions, and to all the work of the church. It was my money that advanceth Thy cause."

The school teacher's prayer was quite different. He simply bowed himself in humility and said: "O God, be very merciful unto me. I was that man's teacher."—*Reformatory Pillar*.

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EDUCATION—14

One of our best professors was fond of saying, "Young gentlemen, I am not greatly concerned that you know the answer to every question I may ask you. But by the gods, you had better know *where* to find it! Then and only then can you lay any claim to being educated."—*KVP Philosopher.*

They DO say. . .

Epidemic of "month" services shows no abatement. There's now Candy-of-the-month club, with party-giver ELSA MAXWELL making selections; tie-of-the-month club, and (in rumor stage) phonograph-record-of-the-month, sponsored by Sears, Roebuck. . . Newest trend in movies: stories involving the supernatural. . . Nomenclature Note: Street & Smith dub *Pic*, their jnl for males, a "mangazine". . . *Phoenix Flame*, apologizing for tardy issue, observes, "Deadlines are now dead lines. . ." *Macon (Ga) News* making intra-state deliveries by plane, reports service cheaper than truck. . . HARLAN MILLER's timely counsel in *Des Moines Register*: "Boys, don't knock down that outhouse this Hallowe'en. Maybe there's a veteran living in it!"

ENERGY—Wasted—15

The *Mississippi*, sailing from the port of New Orleans, had the largest steam whistle of any ship on the Mississippi river. As a matter of fact, it consumed so much steam in blowing the whistle when it neared the port that it did not have sufficient steam to dock. So it is with a great many people in their daily work—they consume so much steam telling about what they are going to do, or have done, that they do not have sufficient energy left to accomplish anything.—*Specialty Salesman.*

EXAGGERATION—16

"Johnnie," asked his mother, "what is all that noise on the back porch?"

"There's a thousand cats out there, fightin'," said Johnnie, after a survey.

"Johnnie, you shouldn't exaggerate so. Now, how many are there."

"There's five hundred, anyway."

"Are you sure?"

"Well, there's fifty."

"Johnnie, did you count them?"

"Well, there's our cat and Thompsons' and I won't come down another cat!"—*American Boy.*

FAITH—and Humor—17

The intimate relation between humor and faith is derived from the fact that both deal with the incongruities of our existence. Humor is concerned with the immediate incongruities of life and faith with the ultimate ones.—REINHOLD NIEBUHR, *Discerning the Signs of the Times.* (Scribner)

GIFTS—Giving—18

L L Dunnington, a preacher in Iowa City, says that too many of us are like the native who was asked, "If you had 100 sheep, would you give 50 of them for God's work?"

"That I would," he repl'd, "I would be glad to give 50."

"If you had 100 cows would you give 50?"

"Of course I would," he repl'd.

"But you wouldn't give 50 out of 100 horses if you had them?"

"Oh, yes, you would see that I would," insisted the native.

"Well if you had 2 pigs would you give 1 of them?"

The man's countenance fell. "No, I wouldn't," he said. "You happen to know that I have 2 pigs, and the question is not fair."—OWEN E OSBORNE, "How Big Is Your Woodpile?" *Pastor*, 10-'46.

GIFTS—Giving—19

Over the entrance to an old cathedral in France, these words stand out clearly, "He who bringeth no gift to the altar, beareth no blessing away." It is a rule for the worshiper; it is a rule for all of life. . .

When we go to a concert, we must take the gift of appreciation, understanding, deep feeling, and a desire for the best if we would carry the blessing of real art away with us. . . We can only receive by giving.—*Broadcaster.*

HOUSING—Shortage—20

To expedite housing for veterans and other citizens who need it is a laudable enterprise. But when in achieving it you manage to do more harm than good it is like the well-intentioned host who invited a man to dinner, took him hunting to shoot the turkey and accidentally shot the guest instead.—J H VAN DEVENTER, editorial, *Iron Age.*



CONFIDENTIALLY
THRU A
MEGAPHONE

The news bulletin stating that 36 Protestant ministers this wk picketed White House urging amnesty for 6000 conscientious objectors imprisoned since start of selective service, is not entirely accurate.

The men were not conscientious objectors in the accepted sense. No man was imprisoned because his religious beliefs precluded participation in war. Selective Service specifically exempted such individuals from combat service. They were req'd to register and were subject to service in labor camps, etc. The life of the "conchie" was a hard one. An estimated 100,000 volunteered for perilous service with Army Medical Corps. Several hundred served as "human guinea pigs" in various medical experiments. All in all, the record of CO's in World War II was sufficiently valorous to win the admiration of even the hardened GI.

But the 6000 whose case the ministers currently espouse represent a different group. Overwhelming majority weren't conscientious objectors; but simply objectors who refused to register or to comply in any way with selective service regulations. In justice to millions of GI's being inducted—and to the CO's who were paying dearly for their faith—our gov't simply had to impound these men. They drew sentences averaging about 40 mo's each. The only "conchies" in this prison group were a few hundred who behaved so badly in camps that disciplinary measures were imperative.

Actually, only about 1300 of these objectors are still in jail. What the picketing ministers (and a number of prominent laymen) seek is (a) immediate release of those prisoners whose terms have not yet expired; (b) complete amnesty for the entire group of 6000, now classified technically as felons.



AGRICULTURE-HORTICULTURE: Science has found way to kill weeds electrically—by charging the wheels of farm implements. (Grit)

HEATING-VENTILATING: Portable steam heater, fan-operated, plugs into any ordinary electric outlet, produces 90 cubic ft of hot air a min. Retails about \$48. (Richmond Times-Dispatch)

HOUSEHOLD AIDS: "Ammaco" Dispenser, Ammaco Products Co, St Paul, Minn, screws on mason jar. Flip cover releases exact tablespoon from inverted jar whenever key-guard is moved. Measures coffee, tea, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, powdered soaps, etc. (Hardware Age)

INVENTION: Latest in measuring devices is Gen'l Electric's opinion meter, which electrically measures the composite opinion of a group of individuals, ranging from a business conference up to an audience of 120 persons. Gadget consists of indicating unit and one or more strings of individual units, or hand-held stations. Operated by the chairman of the group, instrument can show group average opinion, those not voting, and can even register a ballot-type interpretation of opinion. (Forbes)

PEST CONTROL: Army has developed "wolf-call" tuning fork that produces wing-hum of female mosquito. Male mosquito traces hum to source, gets exterminated. (A P Dispatch)

PROCESSES: Paper fiber rugs, Monsanto Chemical Co, involve process by which paper twine may be coated with flexible plastic, woven on standard mill equipment. Other expected uses: hand bags, shopping bags, shoe uppers, auto seat covers, furniture slip covers. (Sales Mgt)

IDEALS—21

The great days of this world have been the days when men lived by ideals. When you visit St Peter's in Rome, take your field-glasses with you. You will find infinite detail there, so remote that no man could tell with the unaided eye whether or not it is well done, but the same care has been lavished on these hidden parts as has been given to the altar rail. These workmen worked for the church, but they worked equally for their own self-respect and pride of accomplishment.—Editorial, "Who Wins in This Stupid Game?" *Better Homes & Gardens*, 10-'46.

INFLATION—22

Inflation is when the 25¢ meal you have been paying 50¢ for, goes up to \$1.—*Kansas City Star*.

MARRIAGE—23

Ministers who take a firm stand against games of chance will go right on performing marriage ceremonies.—*Arcadia* (Wis) *News-Leader*.

MEMORY—24

Writing things down is the best secret of good memory.—J Geo FREDERICK, *Canadian Business*.

MINORITY—Majority—25

Progress is just the slow business of falling in line with the schemes of minorities.—*Smart Set*.

ORIGIN—"Man of Straw"—26

In ancient Greece there were men who, for a substantial fee, would testify on oath to any "evidence." They wore a straw in their shoes as a badge of their profession. Much later, in England, "professional witnesses" could generally be found in Westminster Hall, London's great court of justice, with the straws of their profession in one shoe. A "man of straw" is therefore a perjured or "manageable" witness, and, in gen'l, an unreliable person.—DAVID T ARMSTRONG, *American Mercury*.

PERSISTENCE—27

Big shots are only small shots who keep shooting.—CHRISTOPHER MORLEY, *This Wk*.

PLANTING—Harvest—28

The famed Tuskegee scientist, Dr Geo Washington Carver, who died during the war, once discussed the post-war world, when he was asked whether peace would bring

solutions to the world's political and economic problems. "The floods once came and when the waters receded the people planted again," said Dr Carver. "Then came another flood and washed it all away—and the people planted again. Now there's another flood—and it depends on what we're going to plant. Remember this," said the scientist who made immeasurable contributions to the welfare of all nations, "if you plant corn, don't expect sweet potatoes."—LEONARD LYONS, *N Y Post*.

But Natch!

They say it's "oke" and "simply supe."

Altho I may be quite a "stupe" To be confused and somewhat grieved

To hear our lingo thus abbreviated—

And I am sadly at a loss To cope with "natch," "delish," "collos,"

And "It's terrif." But what's the diff?

I'm cert they must have some signif!

—HELEN GORN SUTIN, *N Y Times Magazine*. 29

POLITICS—30

The late Speaker of the House, Nicholas Longworth, used to tell of a Negro who came in to a border town in Ohio on election day.

In the afternoon an acquaintance met him. "Have you voted, Ras-tus?" he asked.

"Yassir, I's voted."

"How did you vote?"

"Well, boss, it was dis yer way. I meets a Republican on th' st an' he gib me 'leven dollars to vote his ticket. An' I meets a Democrat, an' he gib me seven dollars to vote his ticket. So I voted for th' Democrat."

"But the Republican gave you the most money."

"Yassir, dat's just th' pint. I voted for dem Democrats because dey was least corrupt."—*Kessinger's Mid-West Review*.

PREACHERS—Preaching—31

Sermons, it has well been said, are like bread, which is delicious when it is fresh, but which, when a mo old, is hard to cut, harder to eat, and hardest of all to digest.—A J F BEHREND, *Religious Telescope*.

PROFANITY—32

The first and second grade boys were using pretty naughty language on the playground. Finally, the sup't called them together and said he would not tolerate the use of swear words or dirty words. "Now," he concluded, "do you all know what I mean?" One little fellow repl'd: "Yes, you don't want us to talk like our daddies do at home."—GORDON GAMMACK, *Des Moines Register*.

PROGRESS—33

Achievements are like trousers—they become threadbare if you rest on them.—*Sunshine Magazine*.

RELIGION—34

A housewife, interviewing a new maid, asked her if she had any religious views. The girl hesitated, then repl'd, "No, but I have some good pictures of the Great Lakes and Niagara."—*Christian Herald*.

SERVICE—35

A young woman hurried into a new delicatessen in her neighborhood to pick up some things on her way home from the office. The man behind the counter strove to please her in every way, going to considerable trouble to make careful selection of each item. When she thanked him for his painstaking service, he said cheerfully, "Oh, that's all right, miss. There's our motto." He waved to a printed card on the wall: OUR BEST IS NONE TOO GOOD.—*Rockefeller Center Magazine*.

SERVICE—to Others—36

A famous scientist, offered an attractive fee for certain service, said, "I have no time to make money." Asked what was the most satisfying piece of work he ever did, this scientist said, "I have taught a few men how to observe."—NATHAN H GIST, *Grit*.

SPEECH—Speaking—37

Short speeches are not always the best, but best speeches all seem short.—*De Pere (Wis) Jnl-Democrat*.

SPEECH—Speaking—38

Two farmers were walking away from the speaker's platform and one said to the other one: "Right good speech the Gov made, wasn't it?"

The other farmer repl'd: "Yep, guess it was. But a half hr's good rain would o' done us a heap more good."—GEO E BERGMAN, *Judge*.

TOLERANCE—39

The most lovable quality that any human being can possess is tolerance. It is the vision that enables one to see things from another's viewpoint. It is the generosity that concedes to others the right to their own opinions and their own peculiarities. It is the bigness that enables us to let people be happy in their own way instead of our way.—*Rotary Bulletin*.

VIEWPOINT—40

During the great depression of the 1930's, a man lost all of his wealth and was plunged into debt by the sudden drop of a line on a graph. Sitting by the window, the man kept repeating over and over, "Everything is gone, everything is gone." The family physician, a kind friend of the ruined financier, stood looking out of the window, listening to the sad murmuring of "Everything is gone." Turning slowly, the physician remarked, "John, I'm sorry your wife has died. I'm sorry your character has been ruined."

The man jumped to his feet. "But I have not lost my wife. My character is not ruined."

"No," repl'd the physician, "you have not lost any of the things that are really worthwhile."—DONALD W RUTH, "Jamaica's Favorite Sin," *Pulpit Digest*, 10-'46.



We have our military academies and naval schools and in course of time doubtless will have permanent schools for the training of combat airmen. Why not a school to teach young men the art of peace, the causes of wars, and the economic considerations which so frequently cause them?—PAUL P HARRIS, *Christian Science Monitor Magazine*.

WAR—Cost—41

The war has cost the American people enough to build an \$8,000 house for every family in it.—*Construction Digest*.

WAR—Surplus—42

Only about 4% (\$26 million) of a total surplus of \$624 million has been sold to date by WAA. The proceeds amounted to \$6½ million or 25¢ on the dollar.—*Iron Age*.



The Carrot and The Stick
An Editorial
London Economist

The human donkey requires either a carrot in front or a stick behind to goad it into activity. It is fashionable at the moment to argue that the carrot is the more important. "Incentive" is the watchword. All classes argue that if only they are given a bit more in incentive (at the expense of the rest of the community) they will respond with more activity.

From miners to company promoters, the basic argument is the same. And no doubt a bigger carrot would make the donkey move a bit faster. But it is probably more realistic . . . to hold that the stick is likely to be more effective than the carrot. It may be true that one reason people will not work hard is that they can buy so little with their wages. But it is much more true that they will not work because the fear of the sack has vanished from the land, and because the Bankruptcy Court is a depressed area. . .

It is the passion for equality—excellent in itself—that has removed the carrot. . . The stick diminishes with social security. No one denies its principle or practice. But the more comprehensive the protection and the higher the benefits, the less is the urge to stay in employment or to seek it when it is lost. . .

The whole process of removing both the carrot and the stick has culminated in the extraordinary circumstances of today. Shrunken as were incentives and sanctions of pre-war days, they have now vanished completely. Nobody gains anything from activity, nor suffers anything from inactivity. There is hardly a flavor of carrot, a shadow of stick. And yet we wonder why the donkey does not break into a trot!

Raymond, aged 5, had been taught always to say "God bless you" when anyone sneezed.

Uncle Clifton, who suffered from hay fever, had come to the mountains to visit.

"God bless you," Raymond said enthusiastically to Uncle Clifton's first and second sneezes.

To the third, he said: "God bless you for the rest of the day. I gotta go play now."—MABEL GRAVES, *Magazine Digest*.

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Dr I Q recently asked a woman on his program to name 5 countries beginning with letter "I."

The contestant could only name Iran, Iraq, India, and Italy—then her time was up.

"Your name, please?" the announcer asked.

She said—"Mrs Iceland."—*Schoolastic*.

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The small daughter of the house was busily setting the table for expected company when her mother called to her:

"Put down three forks at each place, dear."

Having made observations of her own when the expected guests had dined with her mother before, she inq'd thoughtfully:

"Shall I give Uncle John three knives?"—*Canning Trade*.



Wise-cracks OF THE WEEK

DOPE: A person who doesn't know today what you just found out yesterday!—HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

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PLAYBOY: One who believes that 7 work days make one weak. —LOUIS HIRSCH, *Magazine Digest*.

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NEWS: Anything that makes a woman say, "For Heaven's sake."—JACK BERCH, *Best*.

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Time tells on a man—especially a good time.—*Oral Hygiene*.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

Sen J WM FULBRIGHT
of Arkansas

Down in the Bob Burns country they have their own conception of what constitutes intoxication. In a small community, one Sunday morning, a mar was found, lying apparently unconscious in the middle of Main st.

"He's drunk," ruled the sheriff, "I'd best lock him up."

"Oh, no," interrupted a spectator, "he ain't drunk; I jest seen a finger move."

A man entering an office (in western occupation zone, Germany) raised his hand and shouted, "Hell Hitler." The office staff upbraided him. "Why shouldn't I use the old greeting when I see all the old, familiar faces here?" he repl'd. —*Neues Deutschland*, Soviet licensed Berlin newspaper.

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Upon his ret'n to England following one of the cup races, Sir Thomas Lipton was buttonholed by an Imperialistic British lady.

"Is it true, Sir Thomas," she asked, "that those Yankees put something in the water to keep your boat from winning?"

"Yes, it is true," said the great old sailor. "This yr it was the *Enterprise*."—*Detroit Times*.

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Two convicts were splitting rocks. One swung the sledge hammer while his bald-headed partner supplied him with new rocks to crush.

As the bald-headed man bent down to deposit a huge rock, the sledge hammer came down with a terrific force and almost grazed his skull.

"You fool!" he shouted. "Can't you tell the difference between my head and a rock?"

His partner shrugged. "Listen, you—" he growled, "for 6¢ a day do you think I'm gonna rack my brain?"—*Reader's Scope*.

An old colored preacher was warning his parishioners about sin. "Sin," he said, "is lak a big dog. Dere's de big dog of pride, and de big dog of envy, and de big dog of gluttony, and finally, brothers, dere's de big dog of sex. Now folks you gotta kill dose big dogs afore you're ever gonna get to heaven. It can be done—I know—because I've done it. I killed de big dog of envy and de big dog of pride, and de big dog of gluttony—and yes, brethern, I killed de big dog of sex!"

A small voice rose from the rear of the church: "Brother, are you sure dat las' dog didn' die a nat'-chel death?"—BENNETT CERF, *Saturday Review of Literature*.

